

CLAIMS

What is claimed as new and desired to be protected by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A method for creating a workflow process management application suitable for an organization, comprising:

creating objects related to workflow processing management modeling said organization, said objects including at least one department; and

for each department, setting relationships between the department and other objects.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

for each department, entering a workflow plan.

3. The method of claim 2, further comprising:

producing a report showing the workflow plan.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

for each department, entering actual workflow data.

5. The method of claim 4, further comprising:

producing a report showing the actual workflow data.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein said act of creating objects includes creating objects related to one of groups, departments, locations, acuities, and activities of the organization.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein said act of setting relationships sets relationships between said current department and objects relating to one of activities, resources, shifts, skills, and users.

8. A computer readable medium, comprising:

a web based application comprising a plurality of web pages and a plurality of database tables, said web based application being executable by a computer;

wherein

the computer, when executing the application, permits a user to create a workflow processing management application for an organization.

9. The computer readable medium of claim 8, wherein said application:

creates objects related to workflow processing management modeling said organization, said objects including at least one department; and

for each department, sets relationships between the department and other objects;

wherein said objects and relationship are stored in said plurality of database tables.

10. The computer readable medium of claim 8, wherein the objects created relate to one of groups, departments, locations, acuties, and activities of the organization.

11. The computer readable medium of claim 8, wherein the relationships include relationships with objects relating to one of activities, resources, shifts, skills, and users.

12. An apparatus for creating a workflow process management application (WPMA) for an organization, comprising:

a computer system, including a processor for executing code and a mass storage device;
and

an application for execution on said computer system;

wherein the computer system, when executing said application:

creates objects related to workflow processing management modeling said organization, said objects including at least one department; and

for each department, sets relationships between the department and other objects.

13. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the created objects relate to one of groups, departments, locations, acuities, and activities of the organization.

14. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the relationships include relationships with objects relating to one of activities, resources, shifts, skills, and users.

15. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

displaying a page in a user interface, said page comprising:

a logo region;

a menu region, including at least one menu item;

a navigation region; and

a context sensitive area.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the objects created in said creating step are based on user events generated by a user interacting with said menu region, navigation region, and context sensitive area.

17. The method of claim 15, wherein said context sensitive area includes a hierarchical control object for showing and hiding a list of hierarchical objects.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein said hierarchical objects comprise at least one department of said organization.

19. The method of claim 17, wherein said hierarchical objects comprise at least one location of said organization.

20. The method of claim 15, wherein said menu region comprise at least one of a menu item and a sub-menu.

21. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

creating at least one department object;

creating at least another object;

setting a relationship between said at least one department object and said at least another object;

entering planned workflow;

generating and printing reports regarding said planned workflow;

entering actual workflow; and

generating and printing reports regarding said actual workflow.